



**THE SNAKE RIVER FACTS AND HISTORY**  
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**LOWER SNAKE RIVER DAMS**  
**ICE HARBOR**  
**LOWER MONUMENTAL**  
**LITTLE GOOSE**  
**LOWER GRANITE**  
These four Snake River Dams were authorized by Congress in the Pacific Northwest section of the United States, in the largest tributary of the Columbia River.  
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**WARRINGS CONCERNING LARGE VESSELS**  
The State of the River is such that motorcraft should not impede the passage of a vessel that can navigate only within a narrow channel or barway. Large vessels may be required to move slowly due to their large size but actually cannot move slowly due to the narrow channel. A vessel's speed should be such that the vessel will be able to stop within the channel and not cause any damage to the riverbed or banks. Large vessels may not be able to use most of the river.

**CAUTION**  
Small craft should stay clear of large commercial and government vessels even if small craft have the right-of-way. Large vessels may not be able to stop within the channel and not cause any damage to the riverbed or banks. Large vessels may not be able to use most of the river.

**PLANE COORDINATE GRID**  
Based on NAD 1983  
Washington State Grid, south zone, is indicated by dashed lines at 5,000-foot intervals. The last three digits are omitted.

**ABBREVIATIONS**  
For complete list of symbols and abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.  
Chart Symbols and Abbreviations are defined as follows:  
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